THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Different airlines in India have been extending discounts to senior citizens as per the following eligibility criteria:—

Airline	Age of Eligibility		Percentage of concession on Basic Fare	
	Male	Female		
Air India	65	63	55%	For domestic sectors
Indian Airlines	65	63	50%	-do-
Jet Airways	65	65	50%	-do-
Air Sahara	62	62	50%	-do-

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Granting of discounts or other concessions and adopting an eligibility criterion is a commercial decision taken by the airlines in the exercise of their best commercial judegment.

New retail outlets of IOC

*65. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation has formulated any plan to strengthen its retail network with a view to expand its market after dismantling Administered Price Mechanism (APM);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of retail outlets opened during the last year, area-wise;

(d) the amount spent on upgradation of old retail outlets; and

(e) the measures to be taken to reposition IOC in the post-APM phase?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (e) In order to meet the challenges of the free market economy and those to emerge after dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM). Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) has already embarked upon modernization of its retails outlets to international standards.

Under the modernisation programme, retail outlets are being provided with better facilities for the benefit of customer such as canopy, lighting, driveways, multi-product pumps, digital air inflators, pre-mix pumps for dispensing lube blended with fuel, Automated Teller Machine (ATM), Cyber

Cafe, Food Parlour, etc. IOC has spent an amount of Rs. 191.29 crore towards upgradation of its retail outlets during the year 2000-2001. IOC has commissioned 309 retail outlets during the year 2000-2001. State-wise details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Number of new retail outlets of IOC

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of Retail Outlets
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	22
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4.	Assam	0
5.	Bihar	14
6.	Chandigarh	0
7.	Chattisgarh	9
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0
9.	Daman and Diu	0
10.	Delhi	6
11.	Goa	0
12.	Gujarat	10
13.	Haryana	21
14.	Himachal Pradesh	1
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	5
16.	Jharkhand	1
17.	Karnataka	10
18.	Kerala	8
19.	Lakshadweep	0
20.	Madhya Pradesh	26
21.	Maharashtra	25
22.	Manipur	0
23.	Meghalaya	0
24.	Mizoram	0
25.	Nagaland	0
26.	Orissa	7
27.	Pondicherry	1
28.	Punjab	13
29.	Rajasthan	29
30.	Sikkim	0
31.	Tamil Nadu	21
32.	Tripura	0
33.	Uttar Pradesh	68
34.	Uttaranchal	1
35.	West Bengal	10
	TOTAL:	309

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.